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PRESIDENT: Senator Waldron.

SENATOR WALDRON: Mr. President, I think we should adopt the schedule and let me assure Senator Whitney and those that are worrying about the day to override. Now, that is....if we consider bills on General File then tomorrow, then we'd have a chance to override those bills. But see the next week when we meet of course according to Senator Carpenter's schedule, we can still consider bills on General File, Senator Whitney. Because you can do that regardless of what days you meet on. But we won't have a chance to override those bills. So savings the day doesn't mean we're saving the day or losing the day, Senator Whitney. What we're doing is saying if the bill has a chance to be vetoed, you should or could take it up tomorrow. And then if you got bills that are not going to be vetoed or you think they will not, then you have one more day the next week when we come back to take bills on General File once again. So really the meeting of the days and the saving of the day doesn't cost you anything.

PRESIDENT: Senator Frank Lewis.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: I move the previous question.

PRESIDENT: Is there anybody else that wants to speak? Well, the debate is closed. Now, the Chair's going to rule. That's the majority of those voting, that's what I ruled before because otherwise if I require 25 votes, we may never be able to do anything. Senator Chambers.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. President, if we take a motion to adjourn right now, then I think a majority of those voting can say when we reconvene. But when the motion being taken is not for adjournment right now and it's going to be ...to adjourn at a future time and take us out of the ordinary order of meeting, I think it takes 25 votes to bind the Body, to put it in other words, when we're voting on a future action, I don't think a simple majority of those voting can bind the Body. We're talking about future action, not adjourning from today until our next regular meeting day.

PRESIDENT: Senator, you could be right, I don't know. I'm just trying to save time but I'd like....and then we'll get on with this. I'd like Senator Duis to comment on that.

SENATOR DUIS: If I understand the....a motion then to adjourn to a given day certain, is that correct?

PRESIDENT: Well, that's one.....

SENATOR DUIS: And the other part of it is that we're going to adjourn on a certain day. And I would presume in order to bind this Body that it would require 25 votes.

PRESIDENT: Senator Carpenter.

SENATOR CARPENTER: The Chair can bind this Body to the extent of his judgment even though he changes his mind every five minutes which I recommend. This Body has the right to override him and that's the only recourse we have and I move we get on with the business.